



SC Annual School Report Card Summary

Forest Circle Middle

Colleton

Grades: 6-8

Enrollment: 626

Principal: Scott Mathews

Superintendent: Charles W. Gale Jr.

Board Chair: P. A. Pournelle

PERFORMANCE

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YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING	PALMETTO GOLD/SILVER AWARD	AYP STATUS	NCLB IMPROVEMENT STATUS
2008	At-Risk	Below Average	TBD	Not Met	RP
2007	At-Risk	Below Average	N/A	Not Met	N/A
2006	At-Risk	At-Risk	N/A	Not Met	CA

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF MIDDLE SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT

0

GOOD

0

AVERAGE

1

BELOW AVERAGE

19

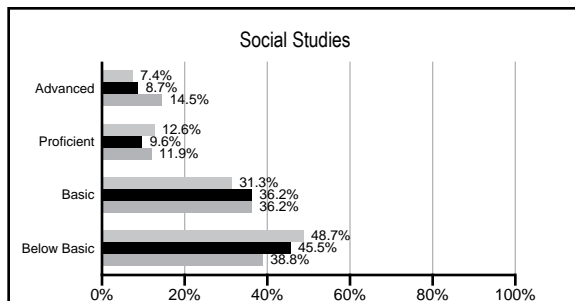
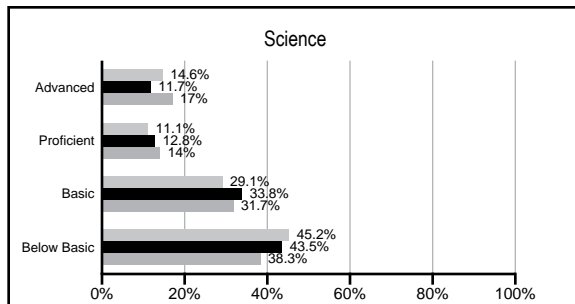
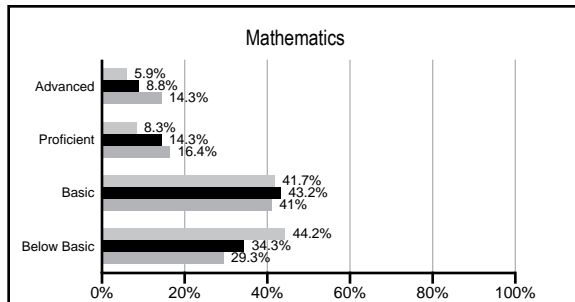
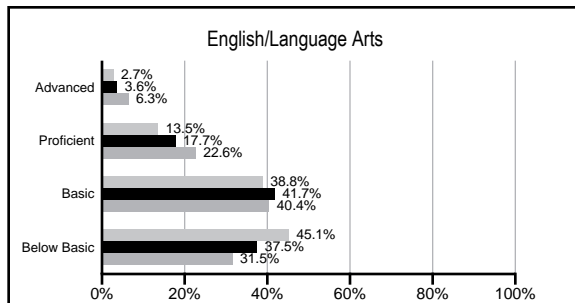
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* Ratings are calculated with data available by 03/02/2009. Schools with Students like Ours are Middle Schools with poverty indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this school.

PACT PERFORMANCE

Our School Middle Schools with Students Like Ours Middle schools statewide



NAEP PERFORMANCE*

* Performance reported for SC and nation, data not available at school level. Percentages at NAEP Achievement Levels.

READING - GRADE 8 (2007)

South Carolina	31	44	23	2
Nation	27	43	27	2
% Below Basic % Basic, Proficient, and Advanced Below Basic Basic Proficient Advanced				

MATH - GRADE 8 (2007)

South Carolina	29	39	24	7
Nation	30	39	24	7
% Below Basic % Basic, Proficient, and Advanced Below Basic Basic Proficient Advanced				

SCIENCE - GRADE 8 (2005)

South Carolina	46	31	21	2
Nation	43	30	24	3
% Below Basic % Basic, Proficient, and Advanced Below Basic Basic Proficient Advanced				

END OF COURSE TESTS - 2008

% of students scoring 70 or above on:	Our Middle School	Middle Schools with Students Like Ours
Algebra 1/Math for the Technologies 2	0%	94.0%
English 1	0%	94.7%
Physical Science	0%	0%
All Subjects	0%	92.4%

SC PERFORMANCE GOAL

2010 Goal:

By 2010, SC's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the fastest improving systems in the country.

2020 Goal: TBD

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SCHOOL PROFILE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Middle Schools with Students Like Ours	Median Middle School
Students (n=626)				
Students enrolled in high school credit courses (grades 7 & 8)	15.1%	Up from 0.0%	13.9%	19.4%
Retention rate	4.8%	Down from 9.2%	3.1%	1.8%
Attendance rate	93.8%	Up from 93.6%	95.3%	95.8%
Eligible for gifted and talented	12.6%	Down from 12.8%	10.8%	15.3%
With disabilities other than speech	12.4%	Up from 8.9%	13.9%	12.9%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent &/or criminal offenses	0.6%	Down from 2.0%	0.8%	0.7%
Annual dropout rate	0.8%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n=36)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	38.9%	Up from 35.1%	53.6%	55.0%
Continuing contract teachers	44.4%	Down from 54.1%	61.3%	70.6%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	33.3%	Up from 32.1%	11.4%	5.4%
Teachers returning from previous year	69.7%	Up from 64.1%	78.4%	83.4%
Teacher attendance rate	94.0%	Down from 94.4%	94.9%	94.9%
Average teacher salary	\$40,790	Up 0.8%	\$44,651	\$44,706
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	14.0%	Down from 24.9%	3.0%	2.9%
School				
Principal's years at school	2.0	Up from 1.0	2.0	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	23.7 to 1	Up from 22.0 to 1	18.9 to 1	20.1 to 1
Prime instructional time	84.6%	Down from 84.7%	88.6%	89.3%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No Change	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	No	Down from Yes	Yes	Yes
Character development program	Good	Up from Average	Good	Good
Dollars spent per pupil*	\$5,868	Up 16.9%	\$7,585	\$7,097
Percent of expenditures for instruction*	65.4%	Up from 64.4%	63.8%	64.4%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries*	59.3%	Up from 45.1%	59.0%	59.4%
% of AYP objectives met	52.4%		58.6%	69.0%

* Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	32	145	130
Percent satisfied with learning environment	78.1%	66.0%	69.8%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	84.4%	73.6%	66.4%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	46.9%	83.3%	68.8%

*Only students at the highest middle school grade level at this school and their parents were included.

REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

Forest Circle Middle continues to make efforts to increase student learning. Our diagnostic testing program Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) offers specialized analysis of each student's growth and allows us to better meet the needs of all students. Our teachers have gone through staff development on analyzing data to drive classroom instruction.

MAP is also helpful in planning our programs in the area of reading. FCMS implemented a school-wide reading program: DIRT (Daily Independent Reading Time). This program sets aside time for reading and taking Accelerated Reading tests. The first year of implementation, the program has proven to be successful averaging a six-month gain of school-wide reading levels. The Literacy Coach has taken up the challenge by establishing new and exciting incentives for our students.

Forest Circle Middle School received awards and accolades in the following areas in 2007-08: 5 students selected as Palmetto Junior Scholars, 1 seventh grade Duke TIP Scholar, District Winner for the Lt. Governor's Essay Contest, District Academic Team Champions, 13 students nominated for the United States Achievement Academy, Scholarship Foundation, Participation in Souper Bowl of Caring, 1 student qualified for the Spellbound State Spelling Bee, 2 students nominated for National Youth Leadership, and Barbara Burns was selected as District Middle School Teacher of the Year

Our goal at Forest Circle Middle School is to continue as a place where students learn, grow, and succeed as we accomplish our mission "Soaring to New Heights." Our faculty, School Improvement Council, and administration are committed to this challenge.

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